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Lawrence Ox Roast & Homecoming festival set for Labor Day weekend

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LAWRENCE – The Lawrence Ox Roast & Homecoming festival on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, will see fireworks and more to celebrate a century-plus tradition, while marking the annual event.

The event began on Labor Day, 1921, as Lawrence area businessmen put on a one-day event featuring music, a parade, baseball games and more, including "5,000 free ox roast sandwiches." The event continued through the years, briefly stopping during World War II. It then returned during the 1950s and 1960s, ending before the close of the latter decade. It was revived in 1985 as a three-day event to mark the village's sesquicentennial.

The event officially gets underway Friday night, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. with a community dance at the Lawrence Village Park main pavilion. At dusk, a "Glow n Go" mini parade will step off on St. Joseph Street.

The annual Watermelon Run will kick off Saturday events beginning at 8 a.m. on the grounds of the Van Buren Conference Center. A pancake breakfast will be held at the Lawrence Township Community Services Building from 8 a.m. to 11a.m. Also, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Farmers Market will be held in Lawrence Village Park.

Other events scheduled for Saturday include a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at 9 a.m., cardio drumming at 10 a.m. at the village park main pavilion. The Lawrence Community Branch Library book sale will take place at the Old Town Hall, downtown, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., then again on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Labor Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday on Elizabeth Street. Also planned is Chalk the Walk, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Lawrence Branch Library.

A Big Rig Show will be held from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on St. Joseph Street, with registration getting underway at 11 a.m.

Ventriloquist Brynn Cummings will perform at 1 p.m.in the village park main pavilion

A wide variety of music will get underway Saturday afternoon in the Lawrence Village Park main pavilion, with Chick & the Boomers beginning at 3 p.m., and The Kennedy Affair, a blues band, performing from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Lawrence Alumni Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. at the Van Buren Conference Center. A ticket is required for that event.

At dusk, a lighted truck parade will be held and will travel down St. Joseph Street.

On Sunday, a breakfast will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Lawrence American Legion Hall. At 9 a.m. a church service will be held at the Lawrence Village Park main pavilion. A car show will begin at 11 a.m., with registration from 9 to 11 a.m. Pedal Pull registration will get underway at noon, with a 1 p.m. start. A volleyball tournament will get underway at 4 p.m. in the village park. Bingo will be held from noon to 6 at the village park east pavilion.

At dusk, a fireworks show will be held on the grounds of Lawrence Public Schools.

Music will get underway on Sunday afternoon with Seventh Son performing at noon in the village park main pavilion. Two Dollar Bills at 2 p.m., Vineyard Chicks at 4 p.m., and The Black River Band will wrap up the day's music from 6 to 9 p.m.in the village park main pavilion.

On Monday, Labor Day, the Ox Roast & Homecoming Parade will step off at 11 a.m., followed by music by Luke Lenhart and The Green Valley Boys at noon at the village park main pavilion. At noon, the Lawrence United Methodist Church will hold a chicken dinner at the church. At 1 p.m., free Ox Roast sandwiches will be given out at the Lawrence American Legion Hall.

The festival concludes at 2 p.m. with raffle drawings held at the village park main pavilion.

Village of Paw Paw begins work on Briggs Dam

PAW PAW - Following the partial failure and subsequent repair of Briggs Dam in 2017, the State of Michigan's Dam Safety Division recommended the complete replacement of the spillway as a long-term solution.

The Village of Paw Paw has been working with a team from Barr Engineering in Minneapolis, Minnesota to design a new, modern spillway that would serve as a permanent water control structure where the Paw Paw River enters Maple Lake, according to a recent announcement from the Village of Paw Paw.

Earlier this year, Millbocker & Sons Construction, of Allegan, was chosen as the company that will remove the existing spillway and construct the new one.

The new spillway will be a 'labyrinth' style weir. A 'weir' is the portion of a dam that is used to manage water levels and is designed to allow the river to flow over its crest. While known as Briggs Dam, the structure itself is technically a weir, in the sense that it is not designed to completely stop the flow of water but simply control its flow.

The capacity of a weir to flow water is determined by its length, height and shape. Rather than a straight, linear wall, a labyrinth weir is folded along its length like an accordion, which greatly increases its length within the relatively narrow channel of the river, allowing for a higher flow rate during periods of heavier rain and higher water levels.

The new, higher-flow weir will have a small footprint within the space-constrained area yet meet modern standards for 200-year flood events, thereby relieving pressure on those elements of the existing dam and spillway remaining once the project is complete. In short, the new structure will be stronger and more efficient than the existing dam and spillway.

The project is expected to cost approximately $3 million, with approximately $2 million coming from State of Michigan legislative awards facilitated by Senator Aric Nesibitt.

After several years of planning, the project currently underway and is expected to continue through the end of the year.

The announcement concluded, "The Village of Paw Paw understands that it is replacing an important local landmark. It is committed to the construction of a new Briggs Dam that will endure for generations and be an attractive, effective addition to the community."

Mattawan Stadium ribbon cutting to be held September 5

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, Sept. 5, celebrating the completion of Phase One of Mattawan Stadium, a new turf and track, at Mattawan Consolidated School. It will be held at 6:45 p.m., just prior to the 7 p.m. kickoff of the first home football game. Game admission is required to attend. The stadium will be renovated in multiple phases, with Stadium Work, Phase 2 planned to get underway in the summer of 2026. It will include renovations to the current press box and the addition of a new sound system, as well as the completion of the home bleacher facing. Stadium Work, Phase 3 will include the construction of a new entryway and concession on the south end of the current stadium, as well as cosmetic improvements to the current entryway on the north side of the stadium.

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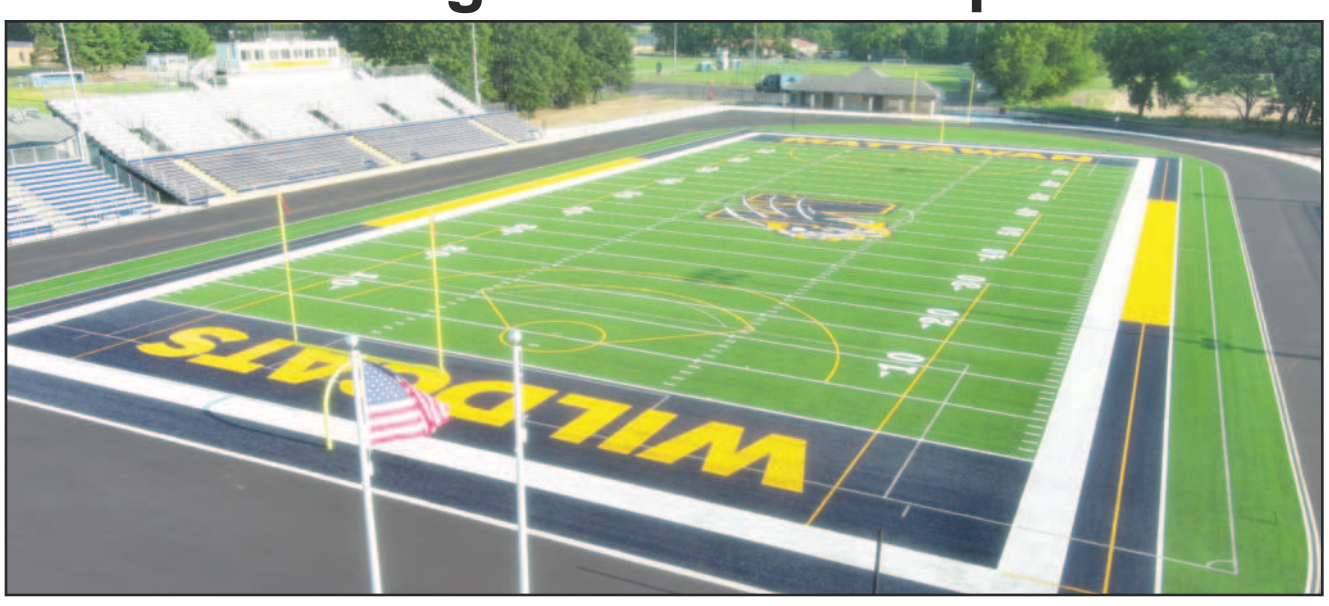

Harbor Commission elects chair, vice-chair, approves boat slip increase

By James Windell

When the South Haven Harbor Commission met for its regular meeting on August 19, 2025, there were two major issues on the agenda.

One was to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair; a second was to consider recommending a boat slip rate increase. The Harbor Commission disposed of both items with impressive dispatch.

A motion was made to elect Kevin Conway as Chair and a second motion was to elect Brent Nichols as Vice-Chair. Both motions were passed unanimously and without discussion.

Conway has served on the Harbor Commission since 2023 and has been Vice-Chair. His term expires in 2026. Nichols was appointed to the Commission in 2024 and his term ends in 2027.

The duties of the Harbor Commission include reviewing and making recommendations regarding all developments of waterfront properties in the city, making recommendations regarding the management, operation, and maintenance of city owned and operated waterfront properties, making recommendations regarding ordinances governing traffic and safety on waters within the city, and handling other responsibilities as required by the city code and zoning ordinance.

Harbormaster and Assistant City Manager Michael Landis introduced the second item related to marina rates for 2026. Landis told the Commission that the city staff was recommending raising the rates 2% for those who have a boat slip. The Harbor Commission was being asked to recommend approval of the 2026 Seasonal and Transient Rates for the South Haven Municipal Marinas to City Council. City Staff is recommending a rate increase consistent with the prior year for seasonal slips and transient slips concurrent with the Michigan State Waterways Commission 2026 rate sheet. A chart was provided for the Commission showing the variable monthly rates for a boat slip. Those rates depend on the size of the boat. In general, boat slip rates would, with approval of the rate increase, vary from $2,530 to $7,620 at Northside Marina; from $2,275 to $2,693 at Black River Marina; and from $4,907 to $8,895 at the Maritime Marina.

The City of South Haven provides a total of 229 municipal slips split between the Northside Marina, the Maritime Marina and the Black River Park Marina. Slips range from 20 feet to 60 feet, and the season is considered from April 15 to October 15.

After brief discussion, the Commission approved the recommendations for the rate increases. Landis said that the increase of 2% over last year's rates is a modest increase. "Seasonal rates apply to those who rent a slip for the year as opposed to a somewhat higher rate for transient slip holders," Landis said.

Landis indicated that the matter must now go before the South Haven City Council to give final approval to the rate increase.

Memories made in South Haven

An Indianapolis family of 11 spanning three generations donned their South Haven t-shirts for a picture as their weeklong stay in a cottage on the North Beach came to an end. A passing jogger stopped to take a picture for them. Photo by Tom Renner

SHAES pancake breakfast set for Aug. 31

South Haven Area Emergency Services (SHAES) will hold its annual Labor Day weekend pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 31 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at its Blue Star Station.

The cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages and beverage will be by donation. Proceeds will go toward the department's purchase of digital information signage outside its Blue Star station. Featured during the morning will be newly acquired trucks used for responding to brush fires and recently purchased electric-powered extrication equipment.

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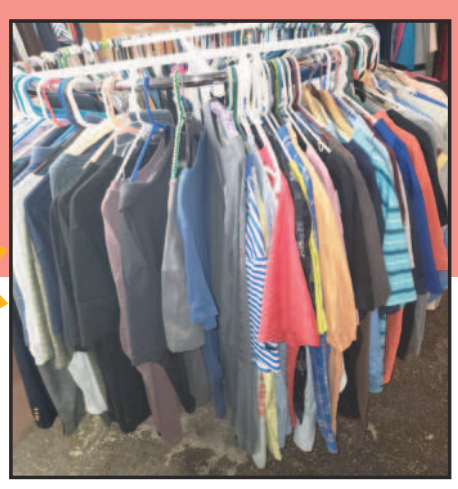

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Lawton police officer honored by Sheriff's Office

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LAWTON - A Village of Lawton police officer was recognized by the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office for his actions during an incident last month involving a high-risk felon who had an explosive.

Van Buren County Sherriff Daniel Abbott, who attended the Aug. 12, Lawton Village Council meeting, praised the efforts of Lawton Police Officer Scott Hitchcock for his actions taken on July 4, 2025. Officer Hitchcock, also a member of the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, received a letter of commendation for a high-risk felon who had an explosive that was detonated as police attempted to enter a building. The Van Buren County SWAT team was subsequently activated.

Sheriff Abbott said two explosives were thrown toward deputies and officers. Despite danger, Officer Hitchcock held his position and utilized the less lethal shotgun to take the subject out without loss of life.

Sheriff Abbott said the Van Buren County Sherriff's Office was very appreciative that Village of Lawton Police Chief Greg Cordes has allowed Officer Hitchcock to be on the SWAT Team, "where he has been a huge asset to the team."

He also told the council that he appreciated the relationship that Lawton Police Department has with the Van Buren Sherriff's Office Department.

In another area, Lyle Streeter informed the Village Council that the American Legion will host the second annual Pig Roast, Sept. 13, beginning at 3 p.m. Open to the public, plates are $12 each or 2 for $20. Proceeds will go toward a new roof for the building. A bake sale will also be available, provided by 4-H.

President Pro-Tem Eric Dudek brought the potential purchase of a new village dump truck to the floor for discussion. Village Manager Todd Hackenberg said he is currently looking at one truck at Midwest Tractor and Equipment, a 2011, with 22,000 miles. The vehicle was owned by the City of Ypsilanti.

Hackenberg said the village budgeted $70,000 for a new dump truck, however, due to invoice timing, $32,000 was used on a new sidewalk machine out of this year's budget. Hackenberg further stated that there are funds in Motor pool reserves for this that can cover the difference.

The village council approved the purchase of a village dump truck from Midwest Tractor and Equipment Company for $69,500, contingent on inspection of the vehicle by Village Manager Hackenberg.

The village council adopted a Planning Commission/ Village Council Joint Meeting Policy, as well as a DDA/Village Council Joint Meeting Policy. Village Manager

Hackenberg said part of the Rural Development Readiness certification is to have joint meetings and have these policies. The village council said it believed that it would be best to hold the normal meetings each month for both boards and hold the joint meetings on the second council meeting of the month since the village council has two meetings.

Village Police Chief Cordes reported the Lawton Police Department experienced a "tough month." Police Chief Cordes told the village council and others that the village had mixed crime, but a hard hit on larceny and stolen vehicles. He said the uptick in crime was from one group who reportedly hit four or five homes and stole one truck. The group had already stolen a truck from Kalamazoo and then traveled to Lawton after that. The stolen truck was recovered in Ottawa County. Police Chief Cordes reminded everyone to remember to lock vehicles at night, as each vehicle that was hit was unlocked.

Police Chief Cordes said last month's Summerfest went well, with only one arrest for drunken driving at the end of the night.

During council member's comments, Ren Turner said he has noticed several golf carts driving down M-40, or on sidewalks on Main Street. He would like to see those people warned. The village will place reminders in the September newsletter, as well as on the Facebook page highlighting this ordinance.

County Museum welcomes needed maintenance

HARTFORD - The Van Buren County Historical Museum remains open during maintenance. New concrete floors are going into the blacksmith area and the blacksmith exhibits are moving to storage. Repointing the stonework is underway. Also, the concrete walkway to its west-side entrance will be replaced and widened, providing better handicap access. Septic system work is coming soon.

Museum President Sandy Merchant expressed her thanks to the volunteer donors for supporting museum maintenance and the donation from Van Buren County Parks and Recreation Commission for septic system work and Van Buren County administration for their generous grant as well. Altogether, $30,000 was raised for museum maintenance this year.

Museum volunteers are still needed to sort yard sale items and museum artifacts and people can talk to any greeter to learn how they can help. Museum hours are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, at 58471 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford Township. The museum closes for the year at the end of September and will reopen next May.

"There's a lot of work to be done," museum trustee Kurt Doroh said. On top of Doroh's volunteer work at the Van Buren County Historical Museum, he also serves as a County Commissioner and a County Parks and Recreation board member.

Building Restoration Inc. from Parchment, MI is currently repointing stonework and will be verifying brickwork for damage and future restoration too.

Regarding funding from County Parks and Recreation for the museum's septic system work, Doroh said, "There are dry wells out there. It's all been looked at."

Museum president Sandy Merchant is just glad maintenance is underway at the facility that once served as the county poorhouse.

Paw Paw Township approves renewal of Lake Cora special assessment

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PAW PAW - Following an earlier Lake Cora Special Assessment Hearing, the Paw Paw Township Board on Aug. 11, approved a resolution for the renewal of Lake Cora Aquatic Plant Control, creating a special assessment district No. 866. The special assessment district will be developed for the purpose of improvement of eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants in Lake Cora.

The cost for completion of the project is $60,000. The term of the special assessment district will be for three years, 2025 through 2027 inclusive.

This special assessment district shall remain in existence until all assessments and interest thereon have been paid and that unspent special assessment monies, if any, remain after the conclusion of payment for aquatic plant control measures taken through 2027 inclusive may be applied to pay for future Lake Cora aquatic plant control measures taken after 2027.

In another area, the township board approved a motion to accept a bid of $3,975 to drive seal Cuddeback Cemetery.

The township board approved a motion to approve Ordinance 293 zoning amendment for off-site accessory buildings.

The township board approved a motion that will allow the Paw Paw Township clerk to proceed with future township cemetery repairs without bringing it to the board for the perpetual care funds.

Paw Paw Township Trustee James DeGroff informed the township board that the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission is about 80 percent of the way done with an updated Master Plan and it should be wrapped up after one more open house.

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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	FARMERS MARKET AT NORTH OF PARK
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10:00 AM - 9:00 PM	BOOK SALE AT OLD TOWN HALL
11:00 AM	CHALK THE WALK AT LIBRARY
11:00 AM	BIG RIG SHOW REGISTRATION AT E ST. JOSEPH ST
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	BINGO AT EAST PAVILION
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	BIG RIG SHOW AT E ST. JOSEPH ST
1:00 PM	BRYNN CUMMINGS, VENTRILOQUIST AT MAIN PAVILION
3:00 PM	CHICK AND THE BOOMERS AT MAIN PAVILION
4:00 PM	CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AT PARK
4:00 PM	LAWRENCE ALUMNI DINNER AT CONFERENCE CENTER
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	THE KENNEDY AFFAIR- BLUES BAND AT MAIN PAVILION
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SUNDAY, AUG 31

8:00 AM	BREAKFAST AT LEGION HALL
9:00 AM	CHURCH SERVICE AT MAIN PAVILION
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	CAR SHOW REGISTRATION AT E ST. JOSEPH ST
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	CRAFT SHOW AT ELIZABETH ST
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	BOOK SALE AT OLD TOWN HALL
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	CAR SHOW AT EAST ST. JOSEPH STREET
12:00 PM	PEDAL PULL REGISTRATION AT E ST. JOSEPH ST (ALL AGES)
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12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	BINGO AT EAST PAVILION
1:00 PM	PEDAL PULL AT EAST ST. JOSEPH STREET
2:00 PM	TWO DOLLAR BILLS AT MAIN PAVILION
4:00 PM	VINEYARD CHICKS AT MAIN PAVILION
4:00 PM	VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AT PARK
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	BLACK RIVER BAND AT MAIN PAVILION
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MONDAY, SEP 1

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	BOOK SALE AT OLD TOWN HALL
11:00 AM	OX ROAST PARADE AT EAST ST. JOSEPH STREET
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12:00 PM	CHICKEN DINNER AT METHODIST CHURCH
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12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	BINGO AT EAST PAVILION
2:00 PM	RAFFLE DRAWINGS AT MAIN PAVILION

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Sheriff's Office investigates Decatur Township shooting

DECATUR TWP. – Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott reported that on Aug. 21, at approximately 10:25 p.m., Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 84000 block of 42nd Street in Decatur Township for a report of a shooting, according to a press release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Abbott said initial information was that an unknown suspect had fired multiple rounds at a house from a vehicle and then fled. A 25-year-old Decatur man who was on the porch of the residence was struck by one of the rounds fired. He was transported to an area hospital with critical, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Deputies, along with detectives from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, spent multiple hours collecting evidence and interviewing subjects on scene. The case remains open and under active investigation. Although no arrests were made, it is believed this is an isolated incident and there is no danger to the public, according to Sheriff Abbott.

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SH City Council approves two year delay in development project

By James Windell

Layla Byrd was ecstatic about the delay.

The South Haven City Council voted on Monday, August 18, 2025, to approve a requested delay in Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Center Street Hale Block redevelopment project.

"It means I don't have to find a new location for my store for at least a year," Byrd said following the City Council's vote.

Byrd owns Haven, an upscale store at 550 Phoenix Street in downtown South Haven, that specializes in high-end fashion, jewelry, and delightful gifts. "I've been able to fix up this location and I have the support of the town," Byrd said. "We've had a successful season and I didn't want to move."

Approved by the City Council in October, 2023, the Center Street development proposes to rebuild the corner of Phoenix Street and Center Street, bringing 29 new residential units to downtown and adding 14,000 square feet of commercial and retail space in the heart of the city. Developers Locker & Locker Properties now owns the stores at the corner of Phoenix Street and Center, including the space that Byrd leases. As proposed, the development would revitalize the block between Phoenix Street and Quaker Street.

In a letter to the City on July 1, 2025, Locker & Locker Properties requested a two-year delay in the project because it has taken longer than expected to complete architectural plans and drawings and to "complete the necessary requirements to get grant approval funds and Brownfield funds."

City staff was recommending approval of Resolution 2025-28, which would amend the approved project schedule to require commencement of "Meaningful Construction no later than November, 2027, and that substantial construction be completed by December, 2029. In addition, the resolution would require Locker & Locker Properties to fence the property along Center Street "to prevent unauthorized access and provide an aesthetically pleasing viewscape."

After a motion was introduced to approve the Resolution, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

That was good news for Layla Byrd.

"I was planning a closing sale for Labor Day," she said. "Now everything has changed. I'm going to do a Celebration Sale because we will be staying at least for another year."

The Impact of immigration law on families to be discussed

Professor David Thronson

What happens to families caught in the crossfire of immigration law?

On Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m., attend the South Haven Speakers Series program at Lake Michigan College – South Haven Campus for this timely discussion by Professor David Thronson of Michigan State University College of Law.

A leading expert on family law and immigration, Thronson explores how shifting U.S. immigration policies and practices impact vulnerable children and families, raising both legal and humanitarian questions.

Speakers' series board member Dana Hullinger says, "Professor Thronson will address how changes in immigration law directly affect families, the legal complexities of family separation, and the humanitarian considerations that should guide policy decisions."

From 2019 to 2024 Thronson served as the Director of the Talsky Center for Human Rights and the Alan S. Zekelman Professor of International Human Rights Law. His research focuses on the intersection of family law and immigration law, with particular emphasis on the vulnerabilities faced by children in immigration proceedings. He is widely recognized for his scholarship, teaching, and advocacy on behalf of immigrant families.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a wine and cheese reception, followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. Admission is $10, and students attend free of charge.

The South Haven Speakers Series is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Approximately three-quarters of the Series budget comes from generous donors.

For more information, visit www.southhavenspeakerseries.org.

Laurel Oaks Senior Living partners with Ross Medical College

By James Windell

At Laurel Oaks Senior Living, it is all about community and loving care. That even extends to the staff and their interns.

According to owner and administrator Elena Barringer, Laurel Oaks, located at 05499 73rd Street in South Haven, recently formed a partnership with Ross College to provide internships for students in the medical assistance program.

"It's an exciting endeavor for us," says Barriger. "We made the connection with Ross College in order to create employment opportunities for college students. It's our way of supporting the South Haven community."

After just five months of the internship program, Laurel Oaks has hired three Ross College students. And they hope to hire more.

"We've created a mentorship program that teaches students about all the aspects of Laurel Oaks, so they have a hands-on opportunity to learn about working with seniors," says Barriger. "We hope they develop a love for senior care."

You only have to spend a few minutes with Barriger and Nursing Director Kim Stec before you understand that they practice what they preach. Walking through the dining room and the hallways, it is not uncommon for Barriger to tell a resident that she loves her and for Nurse Kim to get down on the floor to assist a resident who has fallen.

"Our foundation is providing the best care," says Barriger, "and we do this by being a great community for our residents. Now having Ross College students come, it allows us to get the community involved."

Laurel Oaks has been in South Haven for more than two years, offering what Barriger describes as genuine, compassionate care for seniors. Currently, Laurel Oaks has 40 residents, with 14 in their memory care unit. Each resident has an open apartment and Barringer says they have made a concerted effort to create an environment where each person has their own space, and she adds: "We want our residents to know they have the community behind them." The facility also offers a theater, beauty salon and outdoor gardening.

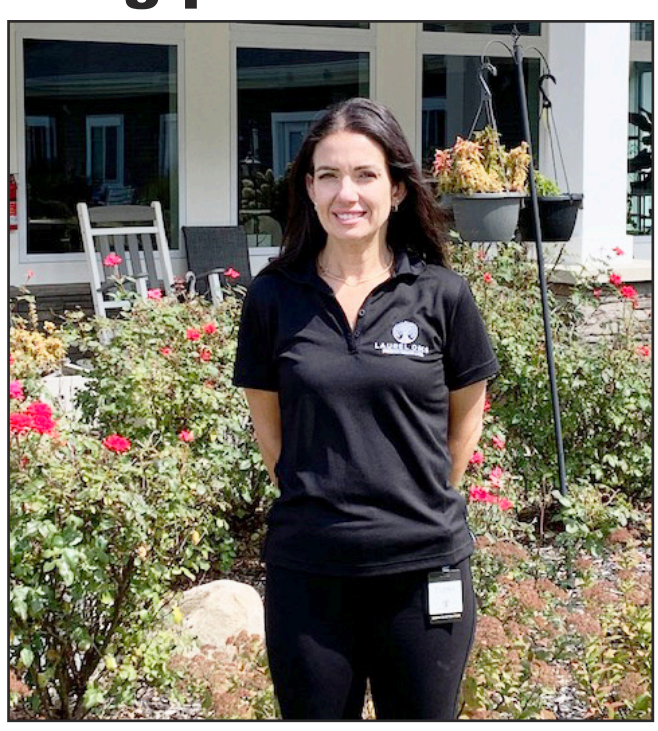
Ross College has 40 campuses throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Iowa, Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee. One of their campuses is in Benton Harbor. The college offers programs in some of the fastest growing fields in the healthcare industry, including Medical Assistant.

Laurel Oaks Senior Living also has a facility in Lowell, Michigan. "My husband, Todd, has a background in building assisted living facilities," says Barriger. "But we determined that there was a demand for this type of facility in South Haven. We love South Haven, and we used to vacation here with our families."

She says that she and her husband along with Todd's two brothers and their spouses got into the business because it is a business of caring. "We saw how other places for seniors were run and we knew we could do better," Barriger says.

Barriger and Stec say that they preach to the interns and their staff that when they walk into a room that they treat a Laurel Oaks' resident just like your most cherished loved one. Barriger says that always there is a lot of love and passion behind their caring for their residents.

Stec explains that she wants the interns and staff to have a particular attitude in working with residents: "We always say, this is their last journey, we have to make it the best."



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PPPS celebrates opening of new Paw Paw Early Childhood Center

PAW PAW - When construction began in the fall of 2023, the completion and opening of the Paw Paw Early Childhood (PPEC) Center seemed far off - but now, just two years later, that dream has become a reality. From 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19 the school district, the Board of Education, business leaders from the Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce, and the community celebrated the opening of the new early childhood center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house.

The 17,555-square-foot, state-of-the-art early childhood center is conveniently located on the elementary campus and will house both new and existing preschool programming for 3- and 4-year-old children in the district and the surrounding areas. Incoming students will develop skills that are aligned with Paw Paw Public Schools curriculum, preparing them for kindergarten and beyond.

The funds for this project and other school improvement projects were generated by a $47.5 million bond, which voters passed in May of 2022. In collaboration with construction and management partners Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. (O-A-K), TowerPinkster, and The Barton Group; the bond and its associated projects were designed to improve educational environments, establish healthy and efficient modern facilities, and make security and safety upgrades throughout the district.

"This building represents the strength of our community and its commitment to children," said Superintendent Jeremy Davison. "It is a reminder that Paw Paw has always been – and will continue to be – a place of excellence in education. With the support of our families, the dedication of our staff, and the pride of our community, our children will be empowered to grow into their best selves."

Mindy Brennan, PPPS Early Childhood director, said, "I have a vested interest in the success of this new preschool for Paw Paw. Not only was I a PPPS student since my K year, I am also a parent of five sons who attended here, with my youngest son becoming a senior this year. My husband and I are residents of Paw Paw, and I have been on staff here since 1989. I have always valued our community and believed in Early Childhood Education. I have recognized a need to align preschool with our Kindergarten curriculum, and this is where it starts."

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South Haven Theatre Series Stages
Mike Royko: The Toughest Man in Chicago

Mitchell Bisschop

The South Haven Theatre Series presents Mike Royko: The Toughest Man In Chicago starring Mitchell Bisschop at 7:30pm on Saturday, September 13 in Listiak Auditorium, 600 Elkenburg St. Mike Royko: The Toughest Man In Chicago is a solo show written and performed by Mitchell Bisschop about Chicago's most popular newspaper columnist Mike Royko.

Mike Royko was a Chicago columnist who wrote about the city the way its people like to think of themselves: tough, cynical and with compassion for the little guy. Royko captured the spirit of Chicago through his incisive, poignant, and often uproarious commentary. Dubbing Mayor Richard J. Daley "Boss," he fearlessly tackled corruption and championed the everyday citizen. Royko wrote over 7,500 columns in his 34 years as a newspaperman, always advocating for the working man.

Mike Royko: The Toughest Man In Chicago is being staged with the support of a grant from the South Haven Area Community Foundation and generous individual and corporate donors to the South Haven Theatre Series, Inc.

Mike Royko: The Toughest Man In Chicago will be staged at 7:30pm on Saturday, September 13 in Listiak Auditorium, 600 Elkenburg St., South Haven. Tickets are $15 for adults and free for children and students. Avoid the line for tickets at the door by purchasing them online at www.southhaventheatreseries.org.

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VIEWPOINT

Is Cracker Barrel's new strategy, doomed?

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
PUBLISHER

With Congress on vacation for the entire month of August (how dare they) and very little else happening, the Cracker Barrel rebranding hit center stage in last week's news cycle. The CEO and Marketing Manager rolled out a new contemporary design for Cracker Barrel, and it was met with strong negativity from many people, as well as a major slide in their stock price.

For decades, Cracker Barrel has been a roadside staple place where weary travelers pull off the highway for comfort food and nostalgia. With its checkerboard tables, rocking chairs on the porch, and walls plastered with Americana, the brand has sold more than biscuits and gravy; it has sold familiarity. But now, Cracker Barrel is updating its image, modernizing its décor, menu, and marketing to appeal to younger diners. While that might sound like a smart business move to some, there are real risks that come with such a shift.

The first concern is alienating its loyal customer base. Cracker Barrel built its reputation on tradition, not trendiness. Many people go there because it feels like stepping back in time, something different from the sleek, cookie-cutter restaurants found on every other interstate exit. If the chain strips away too much of its rustic identity in the name of "modern appeal," it risks losing the very thing that makes it unique.

Another drawback is that chasing younger diners often doesn't work out as planned. Millennials and Gen Z tend to prefer local, independent restaurants or fast-casual spots where customization and speed are king. Cracker Barrel isn't going to out-Chipotle Chipotle. By trying too hard to appeal to an audience that may never fully embrace it, the company could wind up in a no man's land—too modern for its longtime customers, too old-fashioned for the new crowd.

Then there's the risk of watering down the brand. A chain like Cracker Barrel thrives on authenticity. If the updates come across as forced or gimmicky, they could look like a corporation trying to manufacture cool rather than simply owning what it already does best. Customers are quick to pick up on inauthenticity, and once trust in a brand erodes, it's hard to win back.

Finally, there's a cultural element. Cracker Barrel has long been a symbol of Americana—part of the roadside fabric that evokes long drives, family trips, and Southern hospitality. If it abandons too much of its identity in favor of generic modern design, it risks erasing the very nostalgia that draws people in.

But despite the aforementioned, Cracker Barrel executives believe modernization will bring them a whole set of new customers that might offset what they had in the past. To be fair, executives have watched as Cracker Barrel has fallen in popularity. They needed to do something to keep afloat. But apparently they followed the same ill-advised marketing path as Bud Lite.

Personally, I think they should have went in the other direction- create more nostalgia, create more home cooking recipes. There is a wave of popular television shows, movies and the like depicting life as it was in earlier times. Heck I would place TV sets all over each Cracker Barrel, playing Little House on the Prairie, Bonanza and other television shows.

At its best, Cracker Barrel offers travelers something timeless: a plate of comfort food and a rocking chair out front, a reminder of simpler times. The company would do well to remember that not everything needs updating—sometimes, tradition itself is the strongest brand strategy.

Sheriff's Report- Alison Dean promoted to Dispatch Shift Supervisor

Alison Dean was promoted to Dispatch Shift Supervisor. "We are excited to have her in her new role coming up and have no doubt she'll excel at it," said Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott.

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Uniform Response took a larceny of a Demco Tow Dolly near Mattawan. "An unknown suspect stole it from a residence in the middle of the night. Anyone with any information on this is asked to call our office," said Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott.

"This past week, I had the honor to be a guest on the boat with Parade Marshall Greg Myrkle for the annual Salute to the Veterans Boat Parade in South Haven, hosted by South Haven Steel Headers and Operation Injured Soldiers. I was also able to participate in the sendoff at Bangor Baptist Church for their annual Riding in the Sun Ride. It's a motorcycle ride they do every year as Christians to honor the Lord. It was great being able to participate, speak with, and honor so many veterans. It was also nice to talk with so many folks that are strong in their faith and participate in the sendoff," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response recovered a stolen motorcycle in Bangor Township. A tip came in on the location, and after following up on it, the stolen Harley, out of Brighton, was recovered. It is an ongoing investigation currently, according to Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handed a domestic assault in Arlington Township. The suspect jumped out of a second story window and attempted to hide in the woods. The suspect was located and resisted arrest. The suspect was lodged for the assault and resisting arrest.

Uniform Response handled a suspicious call with an individual in Pine Grove Township. "Long story short, that individual was under the influence of methamphetamine, and ended up being transported to the hospital to get treated," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a motorcycle versus deer crash in Lawrence Township. The driver went to the hospital, sustaining injuries from the collision.

Uniform Response handled a golf cart rolling over incident in Porter Township. The driver was transported to the hospital due to their injuries. Alcohol was believed to be the major factor in causing the rollover. Once the investigation is complete, it'll be sent to the Van Buren County Prosecutor's Office for charges.

Detectives attended a two-day training held by the FBI and DOJ. "The course provided advanced instruction in rapid response protocols, investigative techniques, and interagency coordination designed to enhance the effectiveness of a child abduction investigation. Our office remains committed to staying current with the national best practices and ensuring that all personnel are prepared to respond swiftly and effectively in these time-sensitive cases," said Sheriff Abbott.

"Our Dive Team and Cass County's Dive Team dove a lake in Cass County in reference to a tip on a Cold Case. After investigating the tip, it was unfounded for the case. Thank you to the public for continuing to call in tips on cases to help us out," said Sheriff Abbott.

Eleanor's Pantry receives Farm Bureau double-up match

PAW PAW - Eleanor's Pantry was recently awarded a Farm Bureau Double-Up Donation to fight food insecurity in the community. Van Buren County Farm Bureau plans to contribute $588 to the organization to help provide food and meals for neighbors in need. The Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan Agent Charitable Fund (ACF) has committed to match the county's donations for a total of $1,176 donated to Cass County hunger-relief.

Van Buren County Farm Bureau supported Eleanor's Pantry in 2024 and will continue their support in 2025. Van Buren County Farm Bureau Administrative, Kathy Fuentes, said, "Eleanor's Pantry is a local organization that Farm Bureau feels is important to the well-being of local families and individuals in need. Helping with food insecurity cultivates a positive effect on our community."

The ACF Double-Up Donation Program supports county Farm Bureaus' efforts to end hunger in their communities by providing matching funds to local organizations and programs which represent the ACF mission. County Farm Bureaus initiate the nomination and donation process, and the selected program is approved for an ACF matching donation by a committee of ACF donors based on the need of the organization, population being served and overall goal of the program.

ACF donation match through the Double-Up program can also count toward the county's Harvest for All totals. Harvest for All is a year-long campaign, created by the American Farm Bureau Federation, that encourages Farm Bureau members across the country and in Michigan to work together to fight hunger in their communities. The district that contributes the most pounds of food, volunteer hours and dollars is recognized at the state level and given $1,000 to distribute to a hunger-relief organization of their choice.

The ACF, whose mission is to end hunger in Michigan, is a donor-designated fund administered through the Michigan Foundation for Agriculture. The Michigan Foundation for Agriculture, a 501(c)(3) governed by Michigan Farm Bureau's board of directors, positively contributes to the future of Michigan agriculture through leadership and educational programming. Through donation match programs like Double-Up Donation, Farm Bureau agents, clients and partners provide food and educational programs to Michigan residents struggling with hunger and aid the more than 3,000 hunger-relief agencies throughout the state.

Van Buren County to update Parks and Recreation plan

PAW PAW - Van Buren County is updating its parks and recreation plan. A county parks and recreation plan provides a five-year framework for decisions regarding the establishment, development, and maintenance of recreational programs and facilities. Having the plan is also necessary to be eligible for certain state and federal grants.

Parks and recreation improve the quality of life for residents, help maintain and attract residents and businesses, promote healthy lifestyles, provide opportunities for social connections, protect natural features and the environment and improve property values.

As part of the planning process, the county is gathering public input. There is a survey available for residents and business owners to take. The survey asks what types of improvements you would like to see, what recreational opportunities are most important, what parks you visit most, and more.

You can take the survey online by visiting: www.surveymonkey.com/r/VanBurenParks. The survey will close on Sept. 21.

For addition al information or questions, contact Marcy Hamilton at Southwest Michigan Planning Commission at (269) 925-1137, ext. 1525 or at: hamiltonm@swmpc.org. The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is assisting the county with the development of the plan.

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SPORTS

Mattawan girls defeat Kalamazoo Premier

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Megan Jessee, is the head varsity volleyball coach at Mattawan High School which played on Aug. 22 and won 3-0 over Kalamazoo Premier.

Mattawan won 3-0

Stat Leaders for Mattawan:

Kills: Brooklyn Brassard (10), Larkin Baima (8), Laura Warner (8).

Aces: Brooklyn Brassard (2), Olivia Bilkey (2)

Assists: Brooke Steeves (59).

Blocks: Larkin Baima (2).

Digs: Macey Brown (22).

It was the first action of the season for Mattawan.

"This was a great add to our schedule to help acclimate many new varsity contributors," Jessee said. "With only returning two starters, we are still a very young team and it was imperative for them to get this experience before we face off at the Grand Haven Tournament on Tuesday (Aug. 26).

"We saw a lot of growth throughout the match including vocal leading performances from our setter, Brook Steeves, defensive specialist, Kylie Weiss and newcomer, sophomore Laura Warner. We have a lot of growth opportunities this season and we are excited to see the process unfold."

Other matches coming up are at Battle Creek Harper Creek on Sept. 3, at Rockford, on Sept. 6, at home with St Joseph on Sept 10, at Caledonia on Sept. 13, at home with Portage Northern on Sept. 17, at Byron Center on Sept. 20 or the Cristi Curtis Memorial Invitational.

Mattawan will be home on Sept 22 with Otsego, on Sept. 24 with Stevensville Lakeshore and on Sept. 25 for the Matawna quad with DeWitt, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern and with Lake Odessa Lakewood.

Gobles runners set for strong season

Gobles girls at Early Bird Invite - L to R, Ava DeYoung, Madison Cooley, Lauren Shaffer, Libby Smith, Taylor Cooley, Addison Tomsic and Alyssa Sparks. The Girls were 6th out of 23 schools represented.

Gobles Boys at Early Bird - L to R, David Sager, Cole Ringel, Levi Collins, Titus Sager, Fletcher Amos and Ismael Ramos Martinez. The boys were 13 out of 23 schools represented.

By John Raffel
Correspondent'

GOBLES — Gobles cross country coach Marc Kline recalls the successes his teams had in 2024.

"The boys finished near the back of the league," Kline said,

"The girls were SAC and regional champions and finished sixth in the state which was the highest finish in program history."

Zoie Wood and Cole Stapert graduated.

"They were both excellent captains and their leadership will be missed," Kline said.

Roster for this year's team:

Ismael Ramos-Martinez is the manager. Boys, Fletcher Amos, Cole Cannon, Levi Collins, Eason Piper, Cole Ringel, David Sager, and Titus Sager

Girls, Madison Cooley, Taylor Cooley, Ava DeYoung, Lauren Shaffer, Libby Smith, Alyssa Sparks, and Addison Tomsic.

"Hopefully, both teams can grow closer and improve throughout the season to compete at our best near the end of the season," Kline said. 'We have an experienced group.

"It is a very competitive conference. The boys D3 runner up and girls D3 13th place teams from Saugatuck in the mix some outstanding individuals with the D4 Boys champion Marek Butkiewicz from Hackett and our Gobles' Libby Smith placed third in D4 individually.

"With that hopefully, we will be able to be in the conversation for top honors at that the end of the season for the championship meets."

Friday, August 15, the Tigers traveled to Portage for the Early Bird Invitational. "It was a great start to the 2025 season," Kline said.

In the girls race, Smith took second in 18:27.59. Lauren Shaffer was 11th in 20:38.88. Ava DeYoung was 42nd in 23:13.68. For the boys Cole Ringel was 73rd in 19:10.82.

Gobles girls were sixth of 23 schools. The boys were 13th.

South Haven volleyball wins title

South Haven volleyball players celebrate a tournament trophy.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven volleyball went undefeated in the Coloma Tournament, clinching back to back championships.

Senior, outside hitter, Charlotte Knox also secured her elite status as one of the best attackers in South Haven history, clinching over 1,000 career kills.

It was the first action of the season for the South Haven volleyball team.

South Haven opened with Delton Kellogg and won 23-25, 25-12, 25-22.

Next, South Haven played Niles Brandywine and won 25-13, 25-23.

St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran was next and South Haven prevailed 25-22, 25-13. Then South Haven picked up a 25-17, 25-16 win over Constantine.

Next was a tie with Decatur 25-18, 24-25. South Haven finished with a 25-21, 25-20 win over Dowagiac.

South Haven was scheduled to play Constantine at home on Aug. 27. This will be followed with road matches at Dowagiac on Sept. 2, at Gobles on Sept. 9 and at Parchment on Sept. 11.

South Haven volleyball players celebrate Charlotte Knox cross the 1,000 career kills.

Bangor soccer team wins

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BANGOR — Last Friday night, Bangor hosted Buchanan in an exciting match that ended with a final score of 5-3 in favor of the home team.

Junior forward Anthony Villalobos was the standout player, scoring four goals. Carlos Villalobos contributed one goal and one assist, while Emanuel Betancourt also contributed one assist.

On the defensive side, Ismael Rodriguez played an essential role in goal, making three key saves.

Scoring Summary: 4 Goals: Anthony Villalobos; 1 Goal, 1 Assist: Carlos Villalobos; 1 Assist: Emanuel Betancurt

Defensive Highlights: 3 Saves: Ismael Rodriguez

The Vikings will travel to Cassopolis for their next match, which will commence at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Previous Games

The boys traveled to Byron Center for their second game, where they faced Zion Christian. Despite a 2–1 loss, the team showed noticeable progress in performance and teamwork, coach Antonio Robles said. "Carlos Villalobos scored the team's first goal of the season. Ismael Rodriguez made five key saves, while Aiden Muñoz and Aziel Calderon held strong on defense. Midfielders Giovani Soriano-Ramirez and Jose Gonzalez helped control the tempo.

"The team continues to build a solid foundation heading into the season," Robles said.

The Bangor Vikings boys' soccer team kicked off its season on Friday with an away match against Saugatuck.

"While the final score of 7-0 wasn't in our favor, the match was a valuable learning experience. The team gained insight into areas we need to improve and how we can grow stronger moving forward," Robles said. "A standout performance came from Ismael Rodriguez, who made an impressive 10 saves in goal."

Paw Paw soccer team ties Kalamazoo Home School

By John Raffel
Correspondent

The Paw Paw boys soccer Red Wolves recently played the Kalamazoo Home School Cougars at home and played to a 0-0 tie on Monday, Aug. 25.

Spencer Peruski had the shut out in goal. The back line of Connor Graves, Alex Groner, Isaac Hefner and Avery Williford battled all night to limit the offensive chances. Daniel Diaz led the attack through the middle of the field creating a dozen scoring opportunities.

"The Paw Paw JVs lost 6-1 with the lone goal coming on a beautiful run by Colby Barnett," coach Mike Lounsbury said. "Both halves featured strong goalie play by Lex Lounsbury and Alejandro Garcia."

In previous games Paw Paw beat Hartford 2-1 on the road on Aug. 21 and lost 5-1 at Mattawan on Aug 19.

This week, Paw Paw was scheduled to play at home on Aug. 27 with Marshall and at home on Aug. 28 with Constantine and will come back after the Labor Day holiday at Niles on Sept. 3 and home with St. Joseph on Sept. 6 and at Wyoming Potter's House Christian on Sept. 8.

Kline in 10th year at Gobles

By John Raffel

GOBLES —It's Marc Kline's 10th season coaching boys and girls cross country.

He's had many unique seasons

This includes "taking both the boys and girls teams to state in 2017," Kline said. "That was an exciting opportunity. Also, team camp every year has been a highlight. It is always a unique experience and different with each team. It is a great opportunity grow together as a team.

"I've coached from middle school to varsity basketball at Gobles, track and field since 2000, and Cross Country since 2016. Seeing young men and women work hard together to accomplish something more than they can do individually."

Kline said he especially enjoys "working with some great young men and women. It is very rewarding to see them excel in school and on the field or course."

As an athlete, "I earned varsity letters in basketball, track, cross Country at Schoolcraft and ran cross Country at Taylor University. I was honored to be selected team captain my senior year."

Coaching cross country has seen various changes, Kline said.

"Athletic Net has been a game changer. It makes the data collection and meet entry much easier. It is hard to imagine coaching track and cross country without it," Kline said.

South Haven soccer has high hopes

By John Raffel

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven soccer coach Randy Bautista is look for a profitable fall season.

Key players include senior goalkeeper Alex Jaimes. "Alex, as one of our captains, has stepped up for his upcoming season. He sets the tone for the program with his work ethic, his willingness to put the team first and being a good friend to all the players. Alex has great experience as he has been the starting keeper since his freshman year. He gives the team a lot of confidence.

"My expectation for this season is to grow as much as we can as the season goes on. We want to be at our best at the right time. Improvement throughout the season will be very important for us."

South Haven looks to be league contenders. "The conference looks tough. I look forward to the challenges from it and how they will make us a better team as we play our conference games," Bautista said. This is his first year as coach "so I look forward to creating highlights as we go."

He was South Haven JV head coach for both boys and girls a few years ago and was an assistant coach for the women's soccer team at Lake Michigan College and assistant coach for Covert boys soccer.

"I enjoy growing the game of soccer," he said. "This sport has grown a lot in the past few years and I want to do my part in pushing it forward." Bautista was an all-stater at South Haven and played at Lake Michigan College.

Lawrence opens at Fennville

By John Raffel
Correspondent

LAWRENCE — Lawrence will be playing 8-man football again this season under coach Steve Raklovits who likes his team's prospects.

Lawrence scrimmaged last week

"We hustled and saw things that we need to work on," Raklovits said. "We ran the ball well and need to improve on blocking."

The season starts at Fennville on Aug. 28. The first home game is Sept. 5 with Muskegon Heights Academy and then there's a home game on Sept. 12 with Grand Rapids Sacred Heart and away games on Sept. 19 at Eau Claire. Oct. 3 at Gobles and Oct. 10 with Marcellus.

Two more home games are with Martin on Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 with Bloomingdale.

"Fennville will be a handful," Raklovits said. "They have seniors leading the way, a structure offense and good defense. We will have to play smart and error free to be competitive."

Paw Paw football hosts Big Rapids

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Paw Paw's football team is coming off a playoff season from a year ago and hopes to have another successful campaign when the season starts this Thursday.

The Red Wolves scrimmaged last week and will kick of for the third straight season in the opener against Big Rapids.

The Wolverine Conference season begins on Sept. 12 with rival Niles.

"Our scrimmage went well for the most part," coach Dennis Strey said. "We have been focused on our prep for Big Rapids. They are loaded once again. They have good size and are fast."

Big Rapids is led by senior quarterback Cole Haist and all-state candidate at running back, Jack Bollman.

Paw Paw also has several fine players.

"Our key guys are our offensive and defensive lines," Strey said. "Austin Ackerman is at guard and outside linebacker. We have Ben Miller and Eli Sonnenburg at running back."

Paw Paw will play at Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills on Sept. 5 and is at Edwardsburg on Sept. 19 and Plainwell on Sept. 26. There are home games on Oct. 3 with Sturgis, on Oct. 10 with Otsego and on Oct. 24 with Vicksburg.

There's also a road game at Three Rivers on Oct. 17.

Bangor opens football season at Bangor

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BANGOR — Bangor football coach Ryan Casey is confident with his 8-player football team as the squad gets ready to open the season.

The Vikings had a chance to see some competition last week in a scrimmage.

"Our scrimmage with Lawrence went well," Casey said. "We had a lot of positives on both sides of the ball. We really stressed causing turnovers and in that scrimmage we caused four, so I was very proud."

Bangor will open its first three games on the road: at Battle Creek St. Philip on Aug. 28, at Bloomingdale's on Sept. 5 and at New Buffalo on Sept. 12. The first home game is on Sept. 19 with Grandville Calvin Christian followed by a home game on Sept. 26 with Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian.

"St. Philip will be a tough and true test of where our team is," Casey said. "We have a lot of experience and with some coaching this week, I think we've really bought out their true talent."

Bangor has very many fine players.

"Wyatt Schneider, Brendon Jackson and Terrance Payne and Zach Mann are looking to put their stamp on the year," Casey said.

Hopkins wins at Lawton Invitational

By John Raffel
Correspondent

LAWTON — Lawton had a volleyball invitational over the weekend and advanced to the semifinals.

It was Lawton vs Bridgman and Gobles vs Hopkins. Hopkins and Bridgman made it to the finals with Hopkins as champion winners.

Gobles finished second in its pool. Gobles lost 21-8, 21-8 to Bridgman, split with Comstock 21-15, 19-21; swept Hartford 21-19, 21-16; and swept Lawton 21-18, 21-16.

This put Gobles in the semifinals with a 5-3 pool play record.

Lawton in pool play lost to Bridgman 21-16, 21-19, defeated Comstock 21-14, 21-20, split with Hartford 20-21, 21-13 and was swept by Gobles 18-21, 16-21. Lawton was 3-5 in pool play.

Lawton will play at Colma on Aug. 27 going into the holiday break. But on Sept. 4, Lawton is back at it with a home match with Martin, followed by a home match on Sept. 11 with Watervliet and road match at Kalamazoo Hackett.

Gobles is slated to be at Decatur on Aug. 27 at Kalamazoo Hackett Sept. 4, at Bloomingdale on Sept. 6 with Allegan and is home on Sept. 9 with South Haven and on Sept. 15 with Saugatuck.

Mattawan boy runners are ninth

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — John Ablao is boys and girls head coach for Mattawan cross country and both teams ran on Aug. 22 at Grand Rapids South Christian for the Under The Lights Invitational. The boys were ninth and the women 14th.

Stat leaders were for girls: Tana Drobeck (senior) 82nd overall 23:18.3 led the girls team

Boys- Marcel Stork (senior) 10th overall 16:13.3, personal record. Owen Fisher-11th overall-16:14.9.

Top runners for the girls:

Claire Yakiwchuk (senior) 25:20.7, Kinsley May (senior) 25:47.1, Adel Sebestova (senior) 26:25.2, Livia Howard (senior) 27:39.8, Ava Garcie (junior) 27:43.5, Braelynn Mattson (senior) 28:23.5 rounded out the top seven

For the boys:

Connor Wessels (junior) 16:58.7 PR, Braeden Gildea (junior) 18:04.6 PR, Tanner Christensen (senior) 18:05.6, Caleb Elwell (sophomore) 18:35.7, and Trevor Nagra (senior)18:39.5 (personal record) rounded out the team's top seven.

Mattawan was set to run at the Southwest Michigan Rustbuster at Camp Warner on Wednesday Aug. 27.

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of Michigan Probate Court
Van buren County
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
Case No. 2025-1129-DE
Estate of PAUL THOMAS BRADSHAW,
Date of birth JULY 22,1960
TO ALL CREDITORS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Paul Thomas Bradshaw, died June 2,2020.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Amanda Bradshaw personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 220, Paw Paw, Mi 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
August 13,2025
Attorney
Albert W. Laaksonen, II
P43920
226 1/2 East Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079
269-655-1035
Personal Representative
Amanda Bradshaw
630 San Marino Drive
Lady Lake, FL 32159
616-706-3784

State of Michigan Probate Court
Van buren County
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
Case No. 2025-1131-DE
Estate of LOIS ANN HESS,
Date of birth MAY 4,1940
TO ALL CREDITORS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Lois Ann Hess died May 10, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Amy Hess personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 220, Paw Paw, Mi 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
August 13,2025
Attorney
Albert W. Laaksonen, II
P43920
226 1/2 East Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079
269-655-1035
Personal Representative
Amy Hess
28870 Cedarama Drive
Marcellus MI 49067
269-535-5038

State of Michigan Probate Court
Van buren County
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
Case No. 2025-1115-DE
Estate of MARION E. KRZYSZKOWSKI,
Date of birth JULY 3,1949
TO ALL CREDITORS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Marion E. Krzyszkowski, died December 20,2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joseph L. Krzyszkowski, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 220, Paw Paw, Mi 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
August 25,2025
Attorney
Cordell R. Jones P15567
120 West Main, P.O. Box 187
Marcellus, MI 49067
269-646-551
Personal Representative
Joseph L. Krzyszkowski
13651 S. Dublin Drive
Homer Glen, IL 60491
630-423-2346

Van Buren; Mtgr: Linda Smith; Atty: Team J; 1st Pub: 8/7/2025; Atty File #: 378790F03; Insurer: (unknown)
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on September 11, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Linda Smith, a single woman
Original Mortgagee: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-2
Date of Mortgage: January 12, 2001
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 17, 2001
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $88,994.65
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Bloomingdale, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 93 rods 15 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Town 1 South, Range 14 West, according to the Government Survey thereof; Thence North 30 rods 5 feet; Thence Easterly to the North and South One Eighth line of said Southeast Quarter; Thence South on same 30 rods 5 feet; Thence Westerly to beginning
Common street address (if any): 22501 41st St, Bloomingdale, MI 49026-9759
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 7, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1568734
(08-07)(08-28)

Van Buren; Mtgr: RON CRAFT; Atty: Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. - Schneiderman & Sherman, PC; 1st Pub: 8/7/2025; Atty File #: 25-002098-1; Insurer: (unknown)
SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - VAN BUREN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on September 04, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): RON CRAFT and SUZANNE BURROWS-CRAFT, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 28, 2004 Recorded on May 11, 2004, Liber 1413, on Page 644, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven and 41/100 Dollars ($50,567.41)
Mortgaged premises: Situated in Van Buren County, and described as: BEGINNING ON THE NORTH LINE OF CASS STREET AT A POINT 465.00 FEET EAST OF THE WEST SECTION LINE; THENCE WEST, 102.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 86.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH MONROE STREET, 112.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY TO BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF BLOCK 8, MONROE`S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BANGOR, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 17, VAN BUREN COUNTY RECORDS.
Commonly known as 108 E Cass St, Bangor, MI 49013
The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6 Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
1568789
(08-07)(08-28)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Michael Mascarello; Atty: Team H; 1st Pub: 8/14/2025; Atty File #: 456499F09; Insurer: (unknown)
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Mascarello, an unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2007-BR4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-BR4
Date of Mortgage: January 26, 2007
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 12, 2007
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $68,226.43
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Lawton, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 4, Willow Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 25, Van Buren County, Michigan Register of Deed Records.
Common street address (if any): 94963 Lakeview Ct, Lawton, MI 49065-9205
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 14, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1569126
(08-14)(09-04

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: MTCT46 LLC; Atty: KREIS ENDERLE - KALAMAZOO - KREIS ENDERLE - KALAMAZOO; 1st Pub: 8/21/2025; Atty File #: (N/A); Insurer: (unknown)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF LIEN AGAINST CONDOMINIUM UNIT IN OLD HARBOR VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the certain Lien Against Condominium Unit in Old Harbor Village Condominium ("Lien") will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises (as defined below) at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Van Buren County, Michigan, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m., on September 25, 2025. The amount due on the Lien may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the premises. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than ninety (90) days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Lien at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Old Harbor Village Condominium Association recorded the aforementioned Lien, dated December 9, 2024, against the premises owned by MTCT46 LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, which address is 515 Williams Street, South Haven, Michigan 49090 ("Owner"), which premises are a Unit in the Old Harbor Village Condominium. The Lien was recorded on December 9, 2024, in the Van Buren County Register of Deeds, at Liber 1772, Page 974. As of August 21, 2025, the amount claimed to be due under the Lien is the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six and 70/100 Dollars ($9,376.70), including interest and attorney fees. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue and which are permitted under Michigan law. Under the power of sale contained in the Condominium Bylaws and under Section 108 of the Michigan Condominium Act, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Lien will be foreclosed by sale of the premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the Van Buren County Courthouse, which address is 212 East Paw Paw Street, 2nd Floor, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079, and which is the place of the holding of the Circuit Court for Van Buren County, State of Michigan, on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. The premises subject to the Lien is situated in the City of South Haven, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan and legally described as follows: Unit 13, Old Harbor Village Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 813, Page 616, as amended, in the Office of the Van Buren County Register of Deeds, and designated as Van Buren County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 17, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and amendments thereto, and described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978 as amended.
Parcel Address: 515 Williams Street, Unit 13, South Haven, Michigan 49090 Parcel Tax ID: 80-53-775-006-30 If the premises is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises is abandoned, in which case the redemption period is one (1) month. If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the Owner and any other person liable on the Lien will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the foreclosure sale or to the Lien holder for damaging the premises during the redemption period.
Dated: August 21, 2025 LIEN HOLDER: Old Harbor Village Condominium Association 515 Williams Street, P.O. Box 46 South Haven, Michigan 49090 Attorneys for the Old Harbor Village Condominium Association: Kreis, Enderle, Hudgins & Borsos, P.C.
Attention: Jeffrey D. Swenarton 750 Trade Centre Way, Suite 250 Portage, Michigan 49002 (269) 324-3000
(08-21)(09-11)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Joan Lewis; Atty: Team H; 1st Pub: 8/14/2025; Atty File #: 525284F01; Insurer: (unknown)
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jean G. Murphy aka Jean Murphy and Joan Lewis, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common
Original Mortgagee: New Century Mortgage Corporation
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of the Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc., Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates Series 2002-NC1
Date of Mortgage: March 1, 2002
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 17, 2002
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $50,308.06
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 24, Block 11 of Ravinia Park Addition to the City of South Haven, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 58.
Common street address (if any): 529 Elkenburg St, South Haven, MI 49090-1906
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 14, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1569436
(08-14)(09-04)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Tara Lynne Colvin; Atty: Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. - Schneiderman & Sherman, PC; 1st Pub: 8/14/2025; Atty File #: 25-002230-1; Insurer: (unknown)
SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - VAN BUREN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on September 25, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): James F. Molnar and Barbara L. Molnar, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: The Huntington National Bank s/b/m TCF National Bank s/b/m Chemical Bank s/b/m Chemical Bank Shoreline f/k/a Shoreline Bank Date of mortgage: July 29, 1998 Recorded on August 4, 1998, Liber 1187, on Page 843, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and 88/100 Dollars ($32,916.88) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Van Buren County, and described as: The East 210 feet of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 1 South, Range 14 West, except the South 30 feet thereof. Commonly known as 520 N Van Buren St, Bloomingdale, MI 49026
The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank s/b/m TCF National Bank s/b/m Chemical Bank s/b/m Chemical Bank

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BID ANNOUNCEMENT

AVB Construction, LLC is preparing to erect and finish a brand new Pre-Engineered Metal Building for a New Mattawan Consolidated Schools Maintenance & Transportation facility.
Commencement of work will begin October 2025.

AVB is performing multiple projects at Mattawan Consolidated Schools over the next 2 years.

Bid Information

Bid Information is available now:
Contact Amanda Peters for access to bidders' instructions, plans and specifications: apeters@avbinc.com 269-816-4418

All bidders must supply a bid bond, a notarized statement of familiar relationship & other required affidavits found on the district website

Bids are due:
Friday, September 12 at 11:00 AM EST at the Mattawan Consolidated Schools Central Office - 56720 Murray St. Mattawan, MI 49071 (ATTN Pam Stermer, CFO)

There will be a sealed public bid opening immediately following. Late bids will not be considered.

Project Location, Schedule

Mattawan Consolidated Schools

Maintenance & Transportation Building starts October 2025 – Substantial Completion October 2026

Scopes of Work Bidding

03.100 Site Concrete, Flatwork; 04.200 Masonry; 05.100 Miscellaneous Metals; 06.800 General Trades; 08.340 OH Doors; 08.400 Aluminum, Glass Glazing; 09.250 Studs, Drywall, Ceilings; 09.600 General Flooring; 09.910 Paint; 10.400 Signage; 21.100 Fire Protection; 22.100 Plumbing; 23.100 Mechanical; 26.100 Electrical; 27.100 Technology; 31.100 Sitework; 32.120 Asphalt/Paving; 32.310 Fences & Gates; 32.900 Landscaping

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Shoreline f/k/a Shoreline Bank Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
23938 Research Dr, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248.539.7400
1570089

(08-21)(09-11)

Van Buren; Mtgr: Roger Miller; Atty: Team X; 1st Pub: 8/28/2025; Atty File #: 525440F01; Insurer: (unknown)
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on September 25, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Roger Miller, Married Man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: June 2, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 16, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $225,620.82
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Waverly, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point found by commencing at the East 1/4 post of Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 14 West, and running thence with bearings referenced to a survey recorded in Liber 1 of Surveys on Page 50, South 89 degrees 58 minutes 56 seconds West along the East and West 1/4 line of the East 1/2 of said Section 963.33 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 43 seconds West 328.90 feet; thence South 54 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds East 130.09 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 33 degrees 54 minutes 11 seconds West 149.97 feet; thcncc South 54 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds East 580.40 feet to the Westerly right of way of M-40 Highway; thence around a curve to the left with a radius of 2241.83 feet, along said Westerly right of way to the far end of a chord which bears North 33 degrees 54 minutes 11 seconds East 149.97 feet; thence North 54 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds West 580.40 feet to beginning.
Common street address (if any): 46644 M 40, Paw Paw, MI 49079-8505
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 28, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(08-28)(09-18)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. on October 2, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Name(s) of the Mortgagor(s): Christine Irwin and Paul Irwin, wife and husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Southwest Stage Funding, LLC dba Cascade Financial Services Date of Mortgage: July 18, 2019
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 29, 2019 in Liber 1687, Page(s) 232, et. seq., with a Construction Conversion Agreement, dated November 1, 2019 and recorded on November 13, 2019 in Liber 1692, Page 32, et. seq.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Southwest Stage Funding, LLC (d/b/a Cascade Financial Services) Date of Assignment: August 6, 2025 Date of Assignment Recording: August 7, 2025 Amount claimed due on date of Notice: $140,769.27, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Debtors to Mortgagee together with interest at 9.84 percent per annum. Description of Mortgaged Premises: LAND SITUATED IN CITY OF HARTFORD, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT FOUND BY COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER POST OF SECTION 16, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 16 WEST, AND RUNNING THENCE WITH BEARINGS REFERENCED TO THE WEST LINE OF ALLEN HUNTLEY AND STICKNEY'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF HARTFORD, AS A MERIDIAN, EAST 599.32 FEET, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION 757.62 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 390.93 FEET, THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 143.77 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF PLEASANT STREET, THENCE AROUND A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 102.51 FEET TO THE FAR END OF A CHORD WHICH BEARS SOUTH 60 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 75.57 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD, THENCE AROUND A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 2808.32 FEET TO THE FAR END OF A CHORD WHICH BEARS SOUTH 30 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 418.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING which also includes any interest Cascade may have in the 2020 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial Number WK1108275INAB The property is more commonly known as: 210 Pleasant Street, Hartford, Michigan 49057-1235. The redemption period shall be six (6) months unless the property is established to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed, or unless under MCL 600.3240(11), prior to the foreclosure sale the borrower follows the procedure set forth in that section to establish the presumption that the property is used for Agricultural purposes, in which case the redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of the sale. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under MCL 600.3201 et. seq., the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of notice: August 20, 2025 By: Gary D. Popovits (P63861) Pezzetti, Vermetten, Popovits & Umulis, P.C., Attorneys for Mortgagee, 600 E. Front Street, Suite 102 - P.O. Box 5817, Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817; (231) 929-3450 File No.: 13422.0074 Ad #2595

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Willard Rayborn; Atty: Orlans; 1st Pub: 8/28/2025; Atty File #: 25-010576; Insurer: GNMA
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on SEPTEMBER 25, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Willard Rayborn and Cheryl Ann Rayborn, husband and wife, to Horizon Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2004 and recorded December 29, 2004 in Liber 1428, Page 516 Van Buren County Records, Michigan.
Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy and 75/100 Dollars ($45,170.75).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on SEPTEMBER 25, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Village of Breedsville, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 6, except the West 28.8 feet thereof, also Except the East 164.9 feet of said lot, Block 15, of the original plat of Breedsville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Van Buren County.
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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: August 28, 2025
File No. 25-010576
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(08-28)(09-18)

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Adriana Ramirez; Atty: Team J; 1st Pub: 8/28/2025; Atty File #: 524613F01; Insurer: (unknown)
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on September 25, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Adriana Ramirez
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): SELENE FINANCE LP
Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2024
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 9, 2024
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $187,629.57
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Gobles, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: That part of Section 25, Town 1 South, Range 14 West, City of Gobles, Van Buren County, described as: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 13, Block 6, of the original Plat of the City of Gobles according to the Plat thereof; thence North 88 degrees 22 minutes 57 seconds West 132.00 feet along the South line of Lot 13, Block 6 of said Plat; thence North 88 degrees 18 minutes 17 seconds West 45.00 feet along
the South line of Lot 14, Block 6 of said Plat; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 27 seconds East 84.82 feet; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 11 seconds East 45.00 feet
to the East line of Lot 11, Block 6 of said Plat; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 11 seconds East 132.00 feet along the North line of the South 19.00 feet of lot 12, Block 6 of said Plat; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 33 seconds West 84.98 feet along the East line of Lots 12 and 13, Block 6 of said Plat to the point of beginning
Common street address (if any): 202 W Exchange St, Gobles, MI 49055-9315
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 28, 2025
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31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PAW PAW TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Paw Paw Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the following request. The public is invited to comment on the matter.

Application:
- Request: Special land use and site plan for an off-site accessory building (garage) with reduced front setbacks.
- Zoning District: WFR
- Project Address: 68090 Park Drive, Paw Paw, MI 49079
- Project Parcel Number: 80-14-660-043-00
- Applicant: Andrew Przybyslawski

Meeting Information:
- Location: Paw Paw Township Hall, 114 N. Gremps St., Paw Paw, MI, 49079
- Date: September 16, 2025
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Hearing and project information: call 269-657-4340 or email clerk@pawpawtownship.org

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Chair at the Township Hall address listed above by 4:00 PM on the meeting date.

If any individual has a physical disability that may limit their participation in the hearing, please notify the Township at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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Application:
- Request: Special land use and site plan for an accessory building (garage) to be constructed within a secondary front yard (otherwise not permissible) and 20 feet in height (an increase from the 18-foot maximum requirement).
- Zoning District: WFR
- Project Address: 43628 Carla Drive, Paw Paw, MI 49079
- Project Parcel Number: 80-14-380-023-00
- Applicant: Ronald Tenant

Meeting Information:
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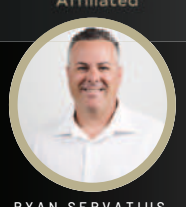

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Fresh Baked
Kaiser Rolls
6 ct.
$2.99
Save at least 70¢

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8-inch
$7.99
Save at least $1.00

Special Recipe
Iced Cinnamon Rolls
6 ct.
$3.99
Save at least $1.00

Assorted Varieties
Sliced Loaf Cake
14 oz.
$6.59
Save at least 40¢

Assorted Varieties
Our Family Iced Cookies
10 ct.
$4.69
Save at least 30¢

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Village Market, Fresh
Chicken Drumsticks
5 lb. bag
$4.99

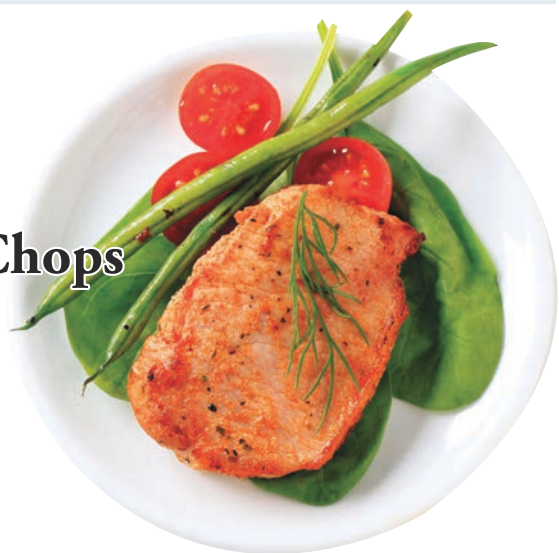
Fresh Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast Family Pack $3.99 lb.

Village Market, All Natural
Center Cut Boneless Pork Roast
$2.49 lb.

Village Market, Certified Fresh
Ground Beef
5 lb. or more pkg.
$5.49 lb.

Village Market, Fresh Ground Beef Burger Patties Family Pack $6.49 lb.

Mix or Match
Village Market, All Natural
Bone-In Pork Loin Sirloin End Chops
Regular, Thin, Thick or BBQ
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!



Tender Ridge, Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Eye of the Round Steak
$7.99 lb.

Tender Ridge, Angus Boneless Beef Tenderized Eye of the Round Steak Family Pack $8.99 lb.

Village Market, All Natural, Fresh
Boneless Pork Tenderloin
$3.49 lb.

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus
Semi-Boneless Beef New York Strip Steak
$12.99 lb.

Village Market, All Natural
Pork Baby Back Ribs
$3.99 lb.

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Village Market, Store Made
Cheddar Pork Sausage Links
Family Pack
$3.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh
Maple Bulk Pork Sausage
$3.29 lb.

Village Market, Store Made
Brats
Hot Italian Mozzarella, Green Pepper & Onion or Cheddar
$3.99 lb.

Village Market
Ground Chuck Black & Bleu Club Burger
$7.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Land O'Frost DeliShaved Lunch Meat
7.5 - 9 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

Select Varieties
Smithfield Anytime Favorites Ham Steak, Diced or Cubed Ham, 8 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Eckrich Family Pack Smoked or Polish Sausage, 39 - 42 oz.
$9.99

Select Varieties
Hart Entrées
32 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Kentucky Legend Quarter Sliced Ham
$5.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Bob Evans Side Dishes
(12 - 24 oz.) or **Bowls** (12 - 24 oz.)
$3.99

tasty seafood

Verlasso Atlantic Salmon Fillet
$12.99 lb.

Sea Scallops
10 - 20 ct., 12 oz. **$14.99**

Peeled & Deveined
Our Family Raw Shrimp
26 - 30 ct., 16 oz. **$8.99**

Peeled & Deveind, Tail-On
Our Family Cooked Shrimp
61 - 70 ct., 16 oz. **$7.99**

AquaStar Tilapia Fillet
32 oz.
$13.99

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Select Varieties
Our Family Deluxe Mac & Cheese
12 - 14 oz.
2/$4

JJ's Crispy Rice Treats
Home Style or B-Day
12 ct.
$3.99

JJ's Crispy Rice Treats
Home Style or B-Day
1.2 oz.
3/$1

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats
8 ct.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Our Family Dry Roasted Peanuts
16 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Our Family Pickles
16 - 24 oz.
2/$5

Hunt's Regular Ketchup
20 oz.
$1.99

Gulden's Mustard
Spicy Brown or Stone Ground Dijon
12 oz.
$1.69

Select Varieties
Nabisco Honey Maid Graham Crackers or Chips Ahoy! Cookies
9.5 - 14.4 oz.
$3.99

Select Varieties
Pringles Single Serve Potato Crisps
2.36 - 2.5 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Mott's Fruit Snacks
(22 ct.); or **Betty Crocker Variety Pack** (16 ct.) or **Fruit Roll Ups** (20 ct.)
$4.99

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Pop-tarts
8 ct.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Nutri Grain Bites (5.64 oz.) or Bars (10.4 oz.) or Special K Pastry Crisps (5.28 oz.) or
2/$6

Fiber One or Nature Valley Bars
12 ct.
$4.99

Select Varieties
General Mills Cereal
12 - 16.8 oz.
$3.99

Select Varieties
Quaker Life or Cap'n Crunch Cereal, 11.2 - 13 oz.
$3.99

Fresh & Soft Round Top White Bread
16 oz.
3/$4

Our Family Bagels
Everything or Plain
20 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Little Debbie Big Packs
12.67 - 31.78 oz.
2/$9

Select Varieties
Eggo Waffles
10 ct.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Totino's Pizza Rolls
100 ct.
$9.99

Select Varieties
FarmRich Appetizers
13 - 22 oz.
$5.99

Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream Novelties
12 ct.
$3.99

Select Varieties
Gold Peak Tea
18.5 oz. btl.
2/$3

Select Varieties
Monster Energy Drinks
12 pk., 16 oz. cans (plus deposit)
$19.99

P&G

Select Varieties
Tide Liquid Detergent
84 oz.
$13.49

Select Varieties
Downy Unstoppables Beads (18.2 oz.) or Rinse & Refresh (48 oz.)
$12.99

Select Varieties
Downy Liquid Fabric Enhancer
88 oz.
$9.99

Select Varieties
Cascade Dishwasher Pacs
Complete or Platinum
9 - 16 ct.
$5.49

Select Varieties
Dawn Dish Soap
Platinum, EZ Squeeze or Powerwash
16 - 24.3 oz.
$4.99

Select Varieties
Dawn Dish Soap
Ultra, Platinum or Foam
10.1 - 18 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Bounty Paper Towels
6 ct.
$13.99

Select Varieties
Charmin Ultra Toilet Paper
6 - 9 ct.
$12.99

savings - selection - service - quality - value

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
(24 pk., 12 oz. cans) (plus deposit) or
Gatorade Sports Drinks
(18 pk. btls.)
$10.99

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.
(plus deposit)
3/$10
Save at least $9.47 on 3

Select Varieties
Ruffles Potato Chips
5.5 - 8.5 oz.
2/$8

Select Varieties
Doritos Tortilla Chips
9 - 10.75 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $5.58 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)
$7.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
(8 pk., 12 oz. btls.) (plus deposit) or
Dasani Water
(24 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
$6.99

Select Varieties
Ice Mountain Spring Water
12 - 24 pk. btls.
$4.99
Save at least $1.70 on 1

Our Family Party Size Tortilla Chips
18 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $3.48 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Faygo Products
8 pk.
(plus deposit)
2/$7
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Snapple Products
6 pk., 16 oz. btls.
$3.99

Coors: Banquet or Light or
Miller: Genuine Draft or Lite
(20 pk. btls.) or
Milwaukee's Best: Light or Ice or
Keystone Light
(30 pk. cans) (plus deposit)
$18.99

Select Varieties
Chex Mix or Gardetto's Snack Bags
9 - 14.5 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Assorted Varieties
7-Up Products
10 pk., 7.5 oz. mini sleek cans
(plus deposit)..... **2/$10**

Assorted Varieties
Bubly Sparkling Water
(8 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit), **Gatorade Sports Drinks** (6 pk. btls.) or **Propel Drinks** (6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
3/$12

Select Varieties
Wente Wine
750 ml..... **$11.99**

Select Varieties
Truly Hard Seltzer
12 pk.
(plus deposit)..... **$19.99**

Select Varieties
Robert Mondavi Woodbridge Wine
1.5 liter..... **$11.99**

Our Family Unscented Cleaning Vinegar
128 oz..... **$2.99**

Our Family Tall Kitchen Trash Bags with Drawstring
20 ct. **$3.49**

Select Varieties
Aunt Millie's Bread
Homestyle Cracked Wheat, 100% Whole Wheat or Family Style Butter Top Wheat or Italian (22 oz.), Homestyle Buns (8 ct.) or Stadium Buns (6 - 8 ct.)
2/$5
Save at least $2.38 on 2

Brooks Chili Beans
Mild or Hot
15.5 oz.
99¢
Save at least 60¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
(3 ct.), **2x Multi-Surface Cleaner** (41 oz.) or **Freak Cleaner** (16 oz.)
$5.99
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Canned Tomatoes
14.5 - 15 oz.
99¢
Save at least 51¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Rao's Pasta
16 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $2.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Rao's Pasta Sauce
15 - 24 oz.
$6.99

Our Family Paper Towels
Select-A-Size White
8=12 giant roll
$11.99
Save at least $1.50 on 1

Select Varieties
Lysol All Purpose Cleaner
Trigger (32 oz.), Pourable (28 oz.) or **Disinfecting Wipes**
(35 ct.)
$3.99

ORTEGA SALE

Select Varieties
Ortega Taco Seasoning
1 oz.
3/$3

Select Varieties
Ortega Green Chilis, Taco Sauce, Fiesta Flats or Taco Shells
4 - 8 oz.
2/$4

Ortega Taco Sauce
Mild or Medium
16 oz.
2/$6

Our Family Charcoal Briquets
Regular or Hickory
14.6 - 15.4 lb.
$7.99
Save at least $3.00 on 1

dairy savings - dairy savings

Select Varieties
Minute Maid Punch or Lemonade
59 oz.
2/$4
Save at least $1.18 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Orange Juice
52 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Our Family Milk
1% Lowfat or Fat Free
gallon
$3.29
Save at least 70¢ on 1

Select Varieties
TruMoo Flavored Milk
64 oz.
$2.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Lender's Bagels
17.1 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $1.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Biscuits
8 ct.
2/$4
Save at least $1.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Chobani Yogurt
Low Fat, Less Sugar or Zero, 5.3 oz.
4/$5
Save at least $2.56 on 4

Frigo CheeseHeads Mozzarella or Variety Pack Cheese
24 ct.
$7.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
Edy's Ice Cream
Grand Classic, Slow Churned Light or Slow Churned No Sugar Added Light (1.5 qt.)
2/$9
Save at least $6.98 on 2

Select Varieties
TombStone Original Pizza
20.6 - 22.1 oz.
2/$8
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Nestlé Drumsticks
4 ct.
2/$9
Save at least $4.38 on 2

Our Family 5 Cheese Garlic Texas Toast (13 oz.) or **Cheese Bread Sticks** (11.5 oz.)
2/$6
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Onion Rings or Potatoes, 16 - 32 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $3.18 on 2

Select Varieties
Hungry-Man Frosen Dinners
14.5 - 16 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Ravioli or Tortellini
19 - 25 oz.
$4.49
Save at least 40¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Marie Callender's Pot Pies
15 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $3.98 on 2

health & beauty and general merchandise

Deluxe Animal Plush Backpack
each
$11.99

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Stor-All-Solutions Laundry Basket
each
$5.99

Simply Done Color Crayons
24 ct.
2/$3

Simply Done Blue Stick Pens
6 ct.
2/$5

Simply Done #2 Pencils
24 ct.
$1.99

Simply Done Permanent Black Markers
Thin Round Tip or Thick Chisel, 2 ct.
$1.99

Simply Done Glue
Sticks: Jumbo White (1 ct.) or 3-White & 1-Purple (4 ct.) or **All Purpose Glue** (4 oz.)
2/$3

Simply Done Sticky Notes
400 sheets, 1 ct.
2/$5

Select Varieties
TopCare Net Sponges
each
4/$5

Select Varieties
TopCare Bandages
10 - 60 ct.
2/$3

TopCare Dental Floss
Regular or Waxed Mint, 100 yd.
$1.99

TopCare Medium Smart Grip Toothbrush
each
2/$3

TopCare Toothbrush
Gem Grip or Multifit Contour
each
4/$5

TopCare Sleep Aid
24 ct. caplets
$2.99

TopCare Travel Size Hand Sanitizer
2 oz.
4/$5

Select Varieties
TopCare Liquid Hand Soap
7.5 oz.
2/$3

Select Varieties
TopCare Antacid Tablets
60 - 150 ct.
$3.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Cough Drops
25 - 30 ct.
2/$3

Evercare Extra Sticky Lint Roller
each
$3.99

Fall Cleaning Sale

Select Varieties
Estracell Heavy Duty Sponges, 3 ct.
$2.99

O-Cedar Pet Pro with Step on Dust Pan
each
$13.99

Whink Calcium, Lime & Rust Stain Remover
Regular or Calcium Lime
16 oz.
$7.99

Sprayco All Purpose Spray Bottle
32 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Herbal Essences Mousse, Hair Spray or Detangling Spray
6 - 8 oz. .....
$4.99

Select Varieties
Vicks DayQuil Severe Cold/Flu (24 ct. caplets) or **DayQuil** or **NyQuil Regular** or **Kids Cold & Flu** (5 - 12 oz.)
$11.99

Select Varieties
Always Pads or Tampax Tampons
28 - 42 ct. .....
$9.99

Select Varieties
Always Pads
18 - 36 ct. .....
$9.59

Select Varieties
Olay Makeup Remover Clothes or Daily Facial Wipes
25 - 33 ct. .....
$1.00 OFF Regular Retail

Select Varieties
Herbal Essences or Pantene Pro-V Shampoo or Conditioner
10.4 - 12 oz.
$4.99

Select Varieties
Speed Stick Deodorant
2.7 - 3 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Ivory Body Wash
21 oz.
$4.99

Select Varieties
Oral-B Toothbrush (1 - 6 ct.) or **Floss Picks** (150 ct.), **Fixodent Denture Cream** (1.8 oz.), **Crest ProHealth Mouth Wash** (1 liter), **Crest + Scope Toothpaste** (10.8 oz.), **Crest Oral Rinse** (473 ml), **Scope Squeeze Mouthwash** (50 ml) or **Crest ProHealth Whitening Gel** (2 ct.)
$6.99

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